

## **Community Planning Assessment of Goals and Objectives**

Community Planning activities undertaken during this program year addressed certain goals and objectives stated in Cambridge's Five-Year Consolidated Plan (July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2005). These established specific goals and objectives are outlined as follows:

- Provide high quality technical assistance to staff members, the City, and residents. Continue to provide support for all departments operations. Federal, State and Local funds. 5-year goals: 60 staff members receiving assistance. Annual goals: 15 staff members receiving assistance
- Provide public with information on planning and zoning. Federal and Local Funds. 5-year goals: 7000 people served. Annual goals: 1400 people served.
- Work with neighborhood groups, residents, property owners, developers and other City departments and state agencies on urban design plans and proposed developments. Federal and Local funds. 5-year goals: 600 meetings with groups. Annual goals: 120 meetings with groups.
- Develop, implement and review urban design improvements and master plans. Federal and Local funds. 5-year goals: 120 projects to be reviewed. Annual goals: 24 projects to be reviewed.
- Staff and assist Planning Board. Federal and Local funds. 5-year goals: 120 meetings assisted. Annual goals: 24 meetings.
- Provide parks, playgrounds and recreation site with design and construction supervision services. Federal and Local funds. 5-year goals: 20 park renovations, 30 projects receiving technical assistance. Annual goals: 4 park renovations and 6 projects to receive technical assistance.
- To increase the quality and availability of planning-related information to staff, other City departments, residents, property owners, developers, state and federal agencies. Federal and Local funds: 5-year goals: 600 GIS maps, 500 presentations, 20 project and program materials, 20 major department. Annual goals: 120 GIS maps, 100 presentations. 4 Project and program materials, 4 major department initiatives.

During the 7/1/03 - 6/31/04 CAPER reporting period, the primary activities undertaken from the above list of five-year goals involved providing high quality technical assistance to staff members, the City and residents for all department operations. Providing the public with information on planning and zoning through phone calls, mailings, brochures, website and office visits. Staff and assist the Planning Board. Activities also included

working with neighborhood groups, residents, property owners, developers and other City departments and state agencies on urban design plans and proposed developments and also developing, implementing and reviewing urban design improvements and master plans. Providing parks, playgrounds and recreation sites with design and construction services. Increasing the quality and availability of planning-related information through the Community Planning website.

#### **Concord Alewife Planning Study (ConAle)**

Completed areawide planning process for large mostly underdeveloped commercial/industrial area in Cambridge. Worked with consultant team and city staff, met monthly with 15 member committee and forwarded recommendations addressing land use, zoning, urban design, open space, transportation, housing and economic development to the Planning Board..

#### **Riverside Planning Study**

Worked with residents, Harvard University and elected officials on the implementation of the Riverside Neighborhood Planning Study recommendations addressing land use, zoning, urban design, open space, transportation, housing and economic development.

#### **Open Space/Playground Renovations**

The Dana Park and Lowell School playground projects began construction during this time period. The Maple Avenue Playgroundrenovations were completed. Completed community processes for Charles Park Tot Lot. . .

# Community Planning: Total Accomplishments

